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SUBJECT: VISIT BY DEPUTY SECRETARY

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1. THERE FOLLOWS DRAFT LANGUAGE WHICH MIGHT BE USED BY THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR A TOAST TO THE INDIAN FOREIGN MINISTER AT THE LUNCH WHICH THE MINISTER WILL GIVE IN THE DEPUTY SECRETARY'S HONOR ON JULY 23.

2. BEGIN TEXT. TO HIS EXCELLENCY FOREIGN MINISTER VAJPAYEE AND TO THE OTHER DISTINGUISHED GUESTS AND FRIENDS WHO ARE ASSEMBLED HERE, I WOULD LIKE FIRST TO EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE FOR THE VERY WARM WELCOME I HAVE RECEIVED IN INDIA. I WAS ESPECIALLY TOUCHED BY THE MINISTER'S VERY KIND REMARKS. WHILE I REGRET THAT MY SCHEDULE DOES NOT PERMIT ME TO SPEND ANY LONGER THAN TODAY WITH YOU, I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT EVEN A VISIT AS BRIEF AS THIS ONE IS MOST USEFUL AND SATISFYING.

3. IN HIS MAY 22 SPEECH AT NOTRE DAME UNIVERSITY, PRESIDENT CARTER SINGLED OUT INDIA AS A ONE OF "DEMOCRACY'S GREAT RECENT SUCCESSES." TRULY FOR US AMERICANS THE WORLD IS A MORE HOSPITAL PLACE NOW THAT INDIA'S CLAIM TO BEING THE WORLD'S LARGEST DEMOCRACY IS UNQUESTIONABLE. I CONSIDER IT

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IT A PERSONAL PRIVILEGE TO BE HERE AMONG YOU AT SUCH AN HISTORIC PERIOD IN YOUR NATIONAL LIFE.

4. MY ATTENTION WAS RECENTLY DRAWN TO A JOURNALIST'S COMMENT THAT THE THEME OF INDIA'S HAVING REAFFIRMED ITS COMMITMENT TO DEMOCRACY WAS ONE THAT IS RUNNING "BARE." THE COMMENT, AS FAR AS I AM CONCERNED, BELITTLES THE IMPORTANCE OF WHAT HAS HAPPENED

HERE FOR BOTH THE INDIAN AND AMERICAN PEOPLE AND INDEED FOR THE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD. NEVERTHELESS, THERE IS A POSITIVE LESSON TO BE DRAWN FROM THE RATHER CYNICAL REMARK, AND I WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS THIS WITH YOU BRIEFLY.

5. AS THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE WORK OF THE NEW INDIAN GOVERNMENT KNOW, JUST AS THOSE OF US IN THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION HAVE DISCOVERED, THERE IS A PROBLEM IN TRANS-LATING THE EUPHORIA OF AN ELECTION VICTORY INTO CONCRETE PROGRAMS TO FULFILL PLEDGES MADE TO THE ELECTORATE. SIMILARLY, I BELIEVE THAT WE ARE NOW FACED WITH THE NEED TO MOVE FORWARD AND MAKE MEANINGFUL IN THE WORLD AT LARGE THE COMMITMENT TO THE IDEALS WHICH WE IN AMERICA AND YOU IN INDIA SHARE. LET ME QUICKLY SAY THAT I BELIEVE THAT THIS PROCESS HAS BEGUN, AND INDEED I VIEW MY VISIT TO INDIA IN THIS LIGHT.

6. A PART OF THIS PROCESS WILL BE THE DEVELOPMENT OF COOPERATION BETWEEN THE WORLD'S TWO LARGEST DEMOCRACIES--INDIA AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. WE NEED TO KNOW EACH OTHER BETTER--AND I LOOK ON MY VISIT HERE AS A SMALL PART OF A PROCESS OF COMMUNICATION WHICH BEGAN WHEN AMBASSADOR GOHEEN ARRIVED IN INDIA IN MAY, WHICH WILL BE CARRIED FORWARD WHEN SECRETARY OF STATE VANCE VISITS DELHI LATER THIS YEAR, AND WHICH WILL, WE HOPE, CONTINUE INTO PERSONAL CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE LEADERS OF OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS. WE ALSO NEED TO DO MORE THINGS WITH EACH OTHER FOR MUTUAL BENEFIT. WE ARE ALREADY IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE PROCESS OF EXTENDING OUR COOPERATION IN THE AREAS OF SCIENCE, CULTURE, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS. THERE ALSO IS MUCH WE CAN DO TOGETHER IN A NEW ATMOSPHERE OF COOPERATION TO IMPROVE THE LOT OF NOT ONLY INDIA'S POOR BUT THAT OF DISADVANTAGED PEOPLES ALL OVER THE WORLD.

7. LET US RECOGNIZE THAT FOR COUNTRIES AS LARGE AND AS DIFFERENT AS OURS ARE, THERE ARE BOUND TO BE DIFFERENCES OF APPROACH TO DEALING WITH VARIOUS PROBLEMS AND SOMETIMES DIFFERENT INTERESTS INVOLVED IN PREFERRED SOLUTIONS TO THEM. THIS IS INEVITABLE. BUT THIS DOES NOT PRECLUDE DEVELOPING A RELATIONSHIP BASED ON THE CONFIDENCE THAT WE ARE ABLE FREELY AND FRANKLY TO AIR OUR DIFFERENCES. I FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT SUCH A RELATIONSHIP WILL INEVITABLY INCREASE OUR APPRECIATION OF THE AREAS WHERE OUR INTERESTS AND PREFERENCES ARE LIKE OR ARE CAPABLE OF BEING BROUGHT TOGETHER.

8. DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS ARE NOT ALL THAT MAKE INDIA AND THE REGION IT OCCUPIES OF CONSEQUENCE TO THE UNITED STATES. INDIA'S LONG-TIME STABILITY, ITS GROWING POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC STRENGTH, AND ITS LEADERSHIP IN WORKING OUT THROUGH BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH ITS NEIGHBORS ALL MAKE

INDIA A MAJOR FACTOR IN THE CALCULATIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY--AS DOES ITS ROLE AMONG THE NON-ALIGNED. THE US IS IMPRESSED BY THE CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE WHICH INDIA PLAYS IN THE WORLD. WE CONSIDER THAT OUR INTERESTS, LIKE THOSE OF INDIA, ARE BEING WELL SERVED BY THE EVOLUTION OF A STABLE SOUTH ASIAN REGIONAL SYSTEM, FREE FROM OUTSIDE DOMINATION, IN WHICH THE INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES OF THE REGION ARE ABLE TO DEVOTE INCREASING RESOURCES TO THEIR OWN DEVELOPMENT. WE HAVE BEEN PROUD TO SIT AT THE NEGOTIATING TABLE WITH INDIA IN THE DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE DEVELOPING AND DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, AND, WE HAVE BEEN IMPRESSED BY THE RESPONSIBLE AND INNOVATIVE MANNER IN WHICH INDIA HAS PUT FORTH PROPOSALS IN THE COMPANY OF OTHER DEVELOPING NATIONS. MY GOVERNMENT IS ABLE TO VIEW THE FUTURE OPTIMISTICALLY WITH THE CONFIDENCE THAT

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INDIA WILL CONTRIBUTE ITS LEADERSHIP BOTH REGIONALLY AND GLOBALLY TOWARD WORKING OUT WAYS OF PEACEFULLY ACCOMMODATING THE VARIED INTERESTS OF THE WORLD'S NATIONS.

9. I AM PLEASED THAT I HAVE THIS OPPORTUNITY AT THIS IMPORTANT TIME TO MEET WITH YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES FURTHER TO SOLIDIFY OUR RELATIONS AND OUR COOPERATION.

10. THEREFORE, I WOULD REQUEST YOU TO JOIN ME IN RAISING YOUR GLASSES TO OUR HOST, FOREIGN MINISTER OF INDIA, AND TO INDO-AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION.

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